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RE: Final RCRA Facility Investigation (RFI) Summary Report; including the Human Health Risk Assessment and Baseline Ecological Risk Assessment, dated November 2011

Dear Mr. Spence,

EPA has reviewed the comprehensive RFI Summary Report submitted in November 2011. The RFI Summary Report includes the Human Health Risk Assessment and the Baseline Risk Assessment as Attachments A and B respectively. EPA's review of the Attachments is as follows:

Attachment A – Human Health Risk Assessment

The human health risk assessment is acceptable and indicates no unacceptable risk or hazards to workers, trespassers or recreational users at and near the facility.

Attachment B – Baseline Ecological Risk Assessment

The ecological risk assessment is acceptable, does not show a potential for adverse effects due to site-related chemicals, and no further investigation is necessary.

EPA hereby approves the RFI Summary Report, and looks forward to the next submittal, which will be the Corrective Measures Study.

If you have any questions, you can contact me at (215) 814-3435.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael A. Jacobi", is written over a horizontal line.

Michael A. Jacobi
Project Manager

cc: Montgomery Bennett, GES, Inc.

